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8.00 " " 10.00 " " 10
10.00 " " 12.30 p.m. " 15
11.30 " " 2.30 p.m. " 10
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4.00 " " 8.10 " " 10

NIGHT CARS.
8.50 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. every 15 minutes
9.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. every 20 minutes
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9.30 " " 11.00 " " 10
11.15 " " 12.00 noon " 15
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Station	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11	No. 12
	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Express	Local	Local	Express	Local	Local	Local
CANTON (Ex. Sta. 1st)	7.30	8.15	9.00	9.45	10.30	11.15	12.00	12.45	1.30	2.15	3.00	3.45
SHEN LUNG	7.35	8.20	9.05	9.50	10.35	11.20	12.05	12.50	1.35	2.20	3.05	3.50
Shum Chai	7.40	8.25	9.10	9.55	10.40	11.25	12.10	12.55	1.40	2.25	3.10	3.55
Shum Chai	7.45	8.30	9.15	10.00	10.45	11.30	12.15	13.00	1.45	2.30	3.15	3.60
Shum Chai	7.50	8.35	9.20	10.05	10.50	11.35	12.20	13.05	1.50	2.35	3.20	3.65
Shum Chai	7.55	8.40	9.25	10.10	10.55	11.40	12.25	13.10	1.55	2.40	3.25	3.70
Shum Chai	8.00	8.45	9.30	10.15	11.00	11.45	12.30	13.15	2.00	2.45	3.30	3.75
Shum Chai	8.05	8.50	9.35	10.20	11.05	11.50	12.35	13.20	2.05	2.50	3.35	3.80
Shum Chai	8.10	8.55	9.40	10.25	11.10	11.55	12.40	13.25	2.10	2.55	3.40	3.85
Shum Chai	8.15	9.00	9.45	10.30	11.15	12.00	12.45	13.30	2.15	2.60	3.45	3.90
Shum Chai	8.20	9.05	9.50	10.35	11.20	12.05	12.50	13.35	2.20	2.65	3.50	3.95
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Shum Chai	8.30	9.15	10.00	10.45	11.30	12.15	13.00	13.45	2.30	2.75	3.60	4.05
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WIRELESS TELEPHONY ACROSS THE
ATLANTIC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, January 25th.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

A few nights ago the wonderful achievement of hearing the human voice across the Atlantic Ocean was attained; a message being received by wireless telephony in London from New York. The record of this scientific triumph has been duly published to all the world, and the cable messages on the subject that have reached London bear testimony to the profound impression that has been created. But it must not be too hastily assumed that long-distance telephony by wireless is likely to become general yet awhile. Mr. F. Gill, the President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, who superintended the London end of the demonstration referred to, informs me that the success of that experiment does not mean business talk will be immediately realised.

He went so far as to say that for commercial purposes the London-New York wireless telephone is possible in the course of a year or two, but it is not imminent. The main reason for this carefully guarded expression of expert opinion is that before anything practical can be accomplished so as to make the service commercially reliable a very great deal of organisation is requisite, and, in addition, special machinery is required.

WHAT ABOUT THE FAR EAST?

I was naturally anxious to obtain some particulars about the possibilities of wireless telephony between here and the Far East. Mr. Gill does not think that anything can be done in this direction, at least for a long time to come, if at all. "The radio telephone," he stated, "is destined to provide the cross-ocean link between countries or continents—say, across the Atlantic or the Pacific. For land telephony the ordinary wire lines are most suitable and will continue in use." He mentioned the telephone between New York and San Francisco a distance of about 3,000 miles, as an example.

Theoretically it is possible for London to telephone to Moscow, Hongkong, Peking, or Delhi," Mr. Gill remarked. "It is only a question of demand. Given the demand, the engineering means could be supplied. Australia might, in fact, be reached by telephone from London by means of a land wire to Delhi, plus a radiophone for the remainder of the distance." I gather that, despite a good many speculations about wireless telephony over long distances, it will be from about to shore, across the oceans, that developments will be sought for a good while to come.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

Sir John Jordan has just returned to London from attending the Opium Commission of the League of Nations at Geneva, which has finished its deliberations and adjourned last night. Sir John is not very hopeful of practical results as regards the attempts to reduce the quantity of opium cultivated in different countries. But something has been gained since the Autumn. After making several reservations which would have nullified the international control of opium supply, Turkey and Persia have both withdrawn their objections and agreed to join the League. This is about all that can be recorded as the outcome of the recent conference at Geneva.

In the opinion of Sir John Jordan, the aggregate production of opium has not been much reduced; and, in his opinion, expressed with regret, "there has been a marked and very bad increase in China." He also considers that there is not enough publicity about the subject. It is not the fault of the Press. "I as British assessor," he says, "urged the fullest publicity, together with the representatives of China and America, for at least one public meeting of the Commission, but we failed to get it. Publicity is the only weapon."

It can be readily understood that with so many nations interested in opium, and so many divergent views, coupled with financial considerations, the problem of how to control the traffic is well-nigh insuperable.

BY AIR ROUND THE WORLD.

The aerial flight round the world has a strange fascination for those who have ambitions to circle the globe in that way. I learn that Captain Macmillan and Captain Malins are to make another attempt, the flight being organised this time by the Legion of Frontiersmen. The machine to be used is described as amphibian, but not, strictly speaking, a seaplane, and that is as much as anyone not in the secret can discover about it at present.

The route that has been mapped out is from England across Europe to Italy, and thence by way of Greece, Palestine, Bagdad, Persia, India, and Burma to China and Japan; thence to Vancouver, and home again to England across North America, Canada, and the Atlantic—a total air journey of about 20,000 miles. Arrangements for the flight are being pushed forward, and a start will be made, it is expected, in the early Spring.

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THE CHINESE MINES CASE.

EVIDENCE ON FRAUD CHARGES.

The hearing was resumed on January 26th, when Mr. Marshall recalled Major O. E. Webster, who in cross-examination, said:—

For a month he endeavoured to secure the return of his \$300, but failed. Witness alleged that Ennever had constantly deceived him, and that on one occasion he claimed he had been left \$20,000 by an aunt. On the advice of a Brigadier-General (now dead) witness said that the day after he learned that Ennever was an undischarged bankrupt he accepted from him seven Anglo-Chinese Trust and Mercantile bonds "a full settlement of the \$300." He remained with Humphry and Denman for only six weeks, during which time the only work he did was to get little lumps of sample coal from China out of little boxes and put them on a shelf. (Laughter.) Afterwards he assisted in the "Sappho pearl" business.

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. Paul Hasse, of Mount Ephraim Road, Streatham, S.W., said that on April 3rd, 1923, he saw an advertisement notifying an appointment in the Far East. The advertisement indicated that first-class travelling expenses would be allowed, that the commencing salary was £1,000 a year, and that an investment would be required of £2,500 to £5,000. It was termed "an exceptional opportunity for a business man anxious to make a large and increasing income." Witness replied to the advertisement, and as a result of the letter he received paid a visit to Humphry Denman and Co., 77, Knightsbridge. There witness said he saw the defendant Bennett, who indicated by maps of China which hung on the wall what their business was in that country, and he also produced a prospectus.

Bennett also mentioned several contracts—witness understood at the time that they actually existed—in which the company was supposed to be concerned, amounting in all to £20,000,000. The contracts included one for reconstructing Chinese towns. It was proposed that witness should act as commercial and financial representative of the company in China. His salary he was told would be £1,000 a year, and it was suggested that he should invest £2,500.

Witness agreed to take up shares for £2,500 in Humphry and Denman. He attended the office daily after May 1st until August 14th, and so far as the Humphry and Denman Company was concerned, he saw no business done—certainly none in connection with China. The only work he was asked to do was to condense a report on the possibilities of a certain Burma oil proposition. The only things witness saw in connection with China were a piece of flannel which came from Hongkong and a few cigarette holders.

The case was again adjourned.

MR. FREDERIC HARRISON.

One of the few remaining veterans of English life and Letters identified with the Victorian era has been removed by the death of Mr. Frederic Harrison at the advanced age of 91. While the student will recollect him as one of the earliest followers of M. Auguste Comte in this country, a far larger number will cherish his memory for the manifold part he took in the struggle for trade-union rights in the sixties and seventies. But he had for the most part outlived his contemporaries. Lord Morley and Mr. Thoms Hardy are the remaining names that suggest themselves. Since 1919 Mr. Frederic Harrison had resided at Bath, and from there until a few years ago he used to write occasionally on some of the great questions of the day in a style reminiscent of his old-time directness and force.

The interment, after cremation at Golders Green, was in accordance with the burial service of the Religion of Humanity used at the funeral of Mr. Positivism. I believe, however, it is seldom used. It began with a general declaration that "the moving spirit of our lives should be regard for others." Instead of prayers or Scripture there was a declaration of Positivist faith which read: "We commit our departed brother to the earth in sure trust that, his work having been done and his part played, his best and truest life is yet abiding among us, for we know that the lives of the good and just are transmitted in the minds and hearts of others from generation to generation."

Mr. Frederic Harrison, although he achieved so much in other directions as a social reformer and writer, failed to win an appreciable amount of support for the doctrines of Comte. Positivism is a cold and arid creed.

LONDON THEATRE RENTS.

Some remarkable figures relative to theatre rents in London came into my possession during the last few days. While so high a price as \$200 a week has been paid for the Savoy Theatre in the Strand for a period since the war—a sum that represents "capacity" takings for three performances, and thus an utterly reckless figure—the new lessee has secured the balance of Mrs. Irving's lease of the theatre for about £200 a week. Even at this rate Mrs. Irving will make the comfortable profit of about £125 a week for the next eleven years.

The Princess Theatre still remains shut, despite the fact that numerous offers have been made to rent it for long periods at £400 a week. The owners are determined to sell the theatre. Their price is £138,000, and although I am assured that within the past week they were bid £135,000, they refused to take less. These figures are, I think, a good illustration of the risks and responsibilities attaching to theatrical management in these days of London.—H.B.

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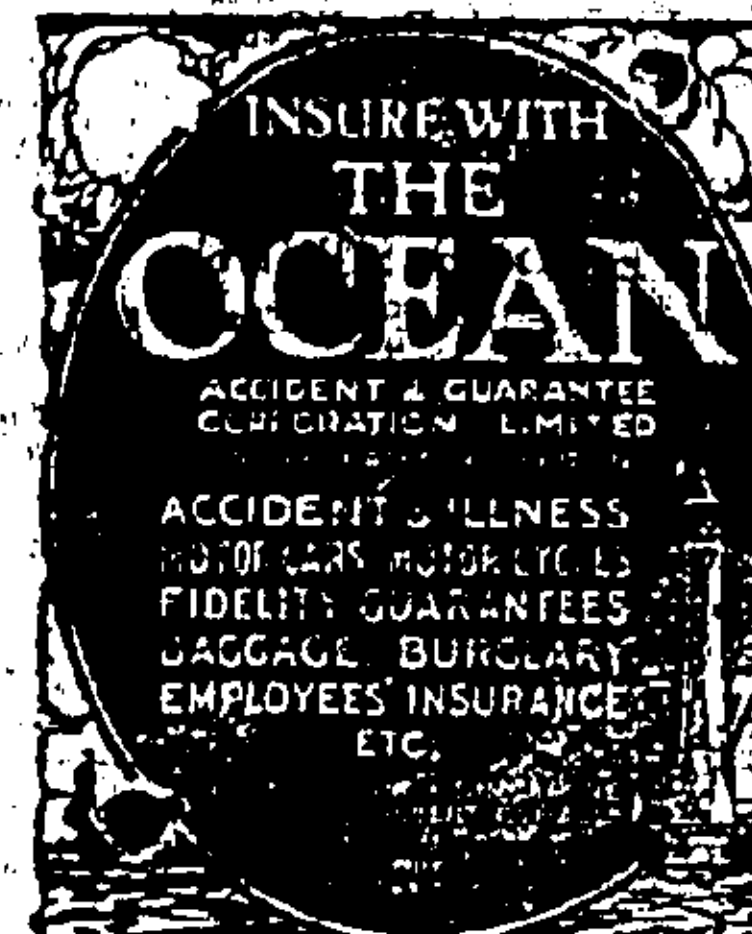
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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Society of St. George, Hongkong, was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, when the year's activities were reported upon, officers elected, and arrangements made for next St. George's Day.

Mr. R. H. B. Hancock, President, took the chair, and was supported by Mr. G. H. Piercy, honorary secretary, and Mr. A. S. Exell, honorary treasurer. Those present were as follows:—

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., Lieutenant-Colonel L. G. Bird, the Rev. Copley Moyle, and Messrs. D. G. H. Bernard, M. E. F. Airey, H. W. Bird, J. W. Alabaster, J. Bentley, G. T. Bird, P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cornell, W. A. Dowley, C. Dickens, H. B. L. Dowling, W. J. Eldridge, A. S. Exell, A. Hicks, H. Hancock, F. C. Hall, V. C. Labrum, R. E. Lindsell, S. M. Mayes, W. Morley, F. A. Perry, A. Piercy, J. H. Ramsay, R. J. Stevenson, D. V. Stevenson, R. J. Wilton, and H. P. Winslow.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman presented the annual report and accounts for approval. The report read as follows:—

"The Accounts for 1927 with our Honorary Auditor's report having been sent to all members, I will, with your permission, take them as read. Owing to my impending departure for Home on a holiday, I was anxious to hold this meeting before I left, and it has been rather a rush on account of the Chinese New Year holidays to get the Accounts printed and circulated earlier, and I hope you will overlook the delay in this respect.

The balance carried forward from 1926 is smaller than the previous year and needs some explanation. Without the special item \$1,000—Two per cent. H.K. Government War Bonds, it would have been smaller by some \$2,493. This is accounted for by the larger number of calls made upon us for assistance during the year, which your Committee thought you would desire to be helped. I will refer to this question later on. With regard to the item "Two per cent. Government War Bonds" this represents four prizes which are still unclaimed from the 1918 War Bond drawing. Under the terms of the original drawing, winning tickets not presented before noon on the 23rd December, 1918, were liable to be cancelled. Advertisements concerning these prizes have been issued in all papers locally and elsewhere, and they have not been claimed. Our Auditors considered that the item should now be brought into the Accounts, and it has been dealt with as you see.

In accordance with your wishes, a grant was again made last year to the Hon. Mr. Irving, Director of Education, for prizes for patriotic essays in recognition of St. George's Day for children in British schools. The prize essays were afterwards sent to your committee for their information.

The grant to the Greenwich Seamen's Hospital is the usual annual one, and we also made a grant of £10.10.0 to an urgent appeal from the Shaftsbury House and Artillery Training Ship. The remaining outgoings, I think, explain themselves.

The observance of St. George's Day last April was confined to the interchange of messages between fraternal societies, a grant of prizes to school children, and presentation of roses to Lady Stubbs, and Mrs. Severn. We also cabled loyal greetings to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, who was in Japan, and received a gracious acknowledgment. We sent a telegram of loyal wishes to H.R.H. Princess Mary on her wedding day.

It is pleasing to state that 75 new members joined the Society during the year, and the membership now amounts to 580. There must still, however, be many Englishmen in the Colony who are not members, and I hope our numbers will be very materially increased during the year.

It is with sincere regret I have to record the death of so many of our members since our last report was issued. The roll includes:—Mr. K. Brayshaw, Mr. R. W. Bristol, Mr. W. T. Elson, Mr. M. A. Hancock, Mr. E. H. Sharpe, Mr. W. C. D. Turner, Mr. T. O. Wilken, Mr. L. Walker, and we extend our sincere sympathy to their relations.

Turning back to the question of pecuniary assistance made during the past year, I am pleased to report that an arrangement has now been come to whereby all applicants for help will in future be passed on to a Central Secretary, who will investigate each case fully, and report to your committee. Other local charities and societies are using the same medium of investigation, and the scheme was discussed very fully some time ago with the Government at which meeting a representative from your Committee, Mr. Airey, attended. We hope this will lead to more satisfactory results than have hitherto obtained in some cases. As your President last year pointed out, cases have always been very carefully enquired into by a Sub-Committee of your Committee, but with the best intention in the world, they have not the same facilities at getting at the true root of all the circumstances, as will be possible under the present arrangement.

The main celebration of the year, St. George's Ball, held this year on the 6th January, was, I think you will agree, a very happy evening in every way, and our best thanks are due to our many friends, who from year to year come forward unselfishly, and with such hearty

good will and energy, to make the evening a success. Our hard-working Hon. Secretary, Mr. Piercy, did a tremendous amount of work in a very efficient and unobtrusive way, (applause) and I can personally testify to his unselfishness and readiness to help on all occasions. The various sub-committees are to be congratulated on the many excellent arrangements made for the comfort of our guests, and for the general enjoyment of the evening. Once again would I thank Mr. Nicholson for the charming roses which adorned our supper tables, and which added so much to the beauty of the scene, and reminded us, as perhaps nothing else could, of an English garden.

I am sorry we were not able this year to have on our supper table the handsome golf challenge trophy which is competed for twice a year. Our friends from the North of the Tweed managed to wrest it from us last November. However, it was not long in their keeping, and thanks to one or two stalwarts we regained the trophy after a very exciting struggle last month—(applause). Whilst on the subject of the Ball I would like to point out that this year there were only 280 subscribers as against 280 last year, and I hope there will be more support forthcoming in 1928.

Our President last year drew your attention to the Society's official organ, in the hope that members would subscribe to it. I am happy to say that on being circulated some 300 members of our society are now subscribers, and I hope the list will be increased during the current year.

We have to consider at this meeting the manner in which St. George's Day will be celebrated next April. It is entirely for you gentlemen to make suggestions, which I am sure, will receive the consideration of your new Committee. Before finally proposing the adoption of the accounts, I should like to say how very much I have appreciated the great honour of being your President during the past year. The task has been an easy one by reason of the loyal support given to me on all occasions by members of your Committee, and especially by your Vice-President, Mr. Bird, and your Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Piercy, and Mr. Exell respectively.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. The Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

THE NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the election of Mr. D. G. H. Bernard as President for the ensuing year. He thought they could not better him, and felt satisfied that they would find him suitable in every way.

Mr. Wilton seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. BERNARD thanked the members briefly for the honour they had done him, and promised that he would do his best to follow the footsteps of his predecessors, and uphold the traditions of the Society. He remarked that the election came quite as a surprise to him.

In putting forward the name of Mr. H. W. Bird for the position of Vice-President, the CHAIRMAN remarked that Mr. Bird had done a tremendous amount of work for the Society, more, probably, than any other member of the committee. He hoped that he would take the position with a view to next year becoming their President—(applause).

Mr. F. C. Hall seconded, and the motion was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

With reference to the election of a secretary, the Chairman said that Mr. G. H. Piercy had very kindly consented to act again during the coming year, on the condition that a "Ball secretary" be appointed at the time of the Ball. He had much pleasure in putting Mr. Piercy's name forward for re-election.

Mr. Dowling seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

On the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. A. S. Exell was re-elected hon. treasurer.

On the subject of the election of a new committee, the Chairman intimated that four of the old members were going Home shortly, namely, Messrs. Airey, Eds, Hall, and Winslow, and it would be necessary therefore to fill their places. The remainder were willing to serve again.

Names were then called for, and the following new members were added to the committee:—Commander C. W. Beckwith, Messrs. H. Hancock, P. S. Cassidy, V. M. Grayburn, G. S. Archbutt, and J. W. Alabaster.

The remainder of the committee are:—Messrs. E. Cock, H. B. L. Dowling, W. A. Dowley, W. J. Eldridge, and R. J. Wilton.

NEW YEAR'S OBSERVANCE OF ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

The next business was the consideration of the arrangements for celebrating next year's St. George's Day, and what other celebrations, if any, they desired during the year. The Chairman suggested that they should hold the usual ball on the 4th January, the 6th being a Sunday. He further suggested that, on the 23rd April, they send the usual telegrams to kindred societies in the East, exchanging greetings. Also, that they make the usual donation to the Director of Education for a prize essay on some patriotic subject for the children of the schools.

There were no other proposals, and the Chairman's suggestions were adopted, any further arrangements being left to the committee in the usual way.

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A POLICE SERGEANT'S DISCOVERY.

BODY DUMPED ON A BREAK-WATER.

In the early hours of yesterday morning a European police sergeant was in a rowing boat in the vicinity of the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter, when he saw a sampan containing a young Chinese man, and a small girl, proceed quietly up to the Breakwater. Arriving there the two got out, carrying a bulky basket, which they dumped on the ground. They then got back into the boat and rowed away.

Meanwhile the officer went to the Breakwater and examined the basket. He opened it and found inside the dead body of a child. He immediately followed the two and took them into custody.

This was the story told when the two appeared at the Magistracy yesterday morning and were charged with "dumping a human body." Formal evidence of the police sergeant, P. S. Taylor, was taken, and the case remanded till this morning. A post mortem examination of the body was to have taken place yesterday afternoon.

ARMS TRAFFIC.

ANOTHER LARGE CONSIGNMENT SEIZED.

During last week Chief Preventive Officer Clark and a party of Chinese Revenue Officers seized on board the s.s. *Tengo Maru* a large consignment of arms and ammunition. In searching one of the holds they came across 14 varrel, described as "ordinary goods." On opening one of the barrels they found, embedded in dry shrimps, 200 revolvers and 33,000 rounds of ammunition.

They barrels used are similar to those seized by Revenue Officer Laungan some time ago on the Kowloon Godown Wharf. In that case the barrels were labelled "shrimps" but as in the present case, large quantities of arms and ammunition were discovered in the barrels. The Revenue Department is endeavouring to trace the consignee in Hongkong.

SPORT.

BILLIARDS.

FINAL OF THE COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final for the open billiards championship of the Colony was played off at the Victoria Recreation Club last night between Mr. A. J. Osmund, and Mr. P. S. Leung. The former ran to his points, 1,000,—while his opponent was making 657. The first session of the game was opened at six o'clock. The match was an interesting one, and when the session finished Osmund was 500 and Leung 350. Osmund's finest break of the evening was a well compiled 94, whilst his other breaks were 30, 57, 24, 41, and 48. Leung played a plucky game throughout, and was very systematic in his methods. His best break was 34, and he followed this up with a couple of 27's, a 29, and a 24. In the second session Osmund kept the lead with comparative ease. He made one excellent break of 70, whilst other breaks he made were 33, 34, and 33. Leung's highest break was 23, a score which he made twice. Osmund will now meet P. A. Yvanovich, the present champion of the Colony.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. R.N.

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. v. the Royal Navy on Saturday next at 2.15 p.m.:—E. J. M. Mitchell (capt.), G. A. Chadwick, L. J. Davies, F. H. Farthing, H. E. Hollands, H. O. Hughes, L. D. McNicol, D. G. Nicholson, R. E. Webster, W. W. MacKenzie and G. H. Piercy.

The CHAIRMAN said that there was one other point he desired to mention, and that was that the committee had deemed it advisable to open an account to be known as the "Property Account," in connection with the annual ball celebrations. It did not seem fair that the cost of certain articles, purchased one year should be debited into the ball account of that year, when the benefit was reaped by succeeding balls of the following two or three years. He personally thought it a very proper way to deal with the affair and the auditors concurred.

AN ADDENDUM TO THE PRESIDENT'S MOTOCAR.

Before the proceedings concluded, the Chairman picked up a small brass image of "St. George" to be used as a motor bonnet ornament. He remarked that it was discovered by Mr. Wilton in the Hongkong Hotel, and he suggested that it would make an excellent badge for the motor-car of the President of the St. George's Society. Accordingly he (the Chairman) made the "purchase," and intended that all future Presidents should use it on their cars. "I am glad though," he added, "that they did not do this last year, for I have no motor car." (laughter).

WEST RIVER FIGHTING.

HONGKONG STEAMER COMMANDERED BY DR. SUN'S TROOPS.

Two determined, but unsuccessful attempts on the part of the captain of the s.s. *Chung On* to take his vessel off the West River over the week end before last met with a hot reception by troops and others. The vessel left for Wuchow on the 10th inst. with a cargo of rice. She was first of all forcibly stopped by General Cho Pui Tak, of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Army, who commanded her, and crammed her with 1,600 soldiers. As they passed Kwong Lee on the following day, Kwangsi troops opened fire on them. They kept it up for about a quarter of an hour, and succeeded in killing one and wounding two of Sun's soldiers. A bullet whizzed past the face of Captain Lewingden himself, and he had a lucky escape from death. He found it impossible to continue, so he set back for Hongkong. He started out again on the 15th of the month, and reached the village of Yuet Sin without interference. Here they were called upon to stop by a number of Chinese, though whether they were soldiers or pirates he was unable to say. He took no notice of them, but kept straight on, followed by a shower of bullets. On the way up they met another river steamer which had been through rifle, revolver, shell, and machine-gun fire. The captain realised then that it was hopeless to proceed, so he turned his vessel round for Hongkong, and arrived on Friday.

ESCAPES FROM POLICE.

TO MEET WITH DEATH.

An enquiry was held at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon by Mr. J. B. Wood, with the assistance of a Jury, into the death of a man named Cheung Fat, who fell over the verandah of a house in Canton Road, Yaumati, and was killed, in an attempt to avoid the attentions of a party of police who were searching the premises at the time.

Messrs. H. A. R. Conant (foreman), C. de V. Ribeiro, and V. C. da Rocha, were the Jury.

Medical evidence was given that death was the result of a fractured skull.

Evidence was given by Inspector Murphy, a Chinese constable, and a number of inmates of the house, No. 19, Canton Road, Yaumati, from which it appeared that the police entered the house and searched the male inmates for arms. On the roof they found four daggers, but otherwise nothing of an incriminating nature. Whilst on-roof was observing him, the deceased slipped away, and tried to get over the verandah, and on to another verandah of an adjoining house. He slipped, and was picked up dead. After death his finger prints were taken, and when these were compared with the criminal records it was found that the deceased had a long record of crime dating from the year 1904.

Mr. Wood pointed out to the Jury that the evidence clearly showed that the police had behaved in a proper manner towards the deceased and the inmates of the house, and their behaviour had nothing to do with the death of the deceased.

The Jury brought in a verdict of "accidental death," and exonerated the police from all blame.

A SEVEN HOUR RIDE.

AND ONE CENT TO PAY THE RICKSHA PULLER.

With the sum of one cent upon him, and not the slightest prospect of obtaining more, a Chinese engaged a ricksha at half-past five on Friday afternoon, and was riding round in it till half an hour after midnight the same day. When the ricksha eventually stopped, and the puller found that his client had no more than a cent with him, he not unnaturally became somewhat indignant and gave the man in charge of the police.

As a consequence the rider appeared at the Magistracy on Saturday, and told the Magistrate that he was a high official of Sun Yat Sen's, and had a large number of friends in the Colony who would almost consider it a privilege to pay for him. Accordingly the case was adjourned till yesterday morning. When the time arrived it seemed that his friends had most unselfishly foregone the privilege, and no-one had put in an appearance on his behalf.

The Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) fined him \$5, with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment, and ordered him to pay the ricksha coolie \$3, or stop on at prison for another five days.

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ALLOTTED ANOTHER FLOOR IN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

SURPRISING DEVELOPMENTS OF FORTY YEARS.

Yesterday the Hongkong Post Office took possession of another large section of the first floor of Post Office Building, where the Money Order Office has hitherto shared accommodation with the Treasury and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The last-named Department has handed over several of its offices and very soon will be removed entirely, and the Treasury with it, to another building.

The Post Office entered its present quarters on the 19th June, 1911. Plans for the new building had been so long under consideration that they were ten years old, before the building was completed. In consequence, they were based upon the requirements of an earlier period, and the new buildings from the first, could not accommodate all the departments of the Post Office on the ground floor, as had been intended. Immediately, the Money Order Office and the Accountants' Department had to be transferred upstairs. Rapid development in the dozen years which have elapsed since then make it necessary for the Post Office to be given more room if efficiency is not to suffer.

STATISTICS OF GROWTH.

The Postmaster-General (Mr. S. B. C. Ross) kindly gave to a representative of the *Daily Press*, yesterday, some comparative figures which show how greatly the work of the Post Office has grown in the last decade. To count every letter that passes through would be an enormous labour not justified by the value of the result, especially as the sale of the postage stamps is recorded and deduction is made for revenue stamps cancelled by the Supreme Court. The following table gives the sale of postage stamps by decades since 1881:

Year.	Sale of Postage Stamps
1881	8,53,348
1891	92,275
1901	239,377
1911	316,216
1921	345,379

Multiplication of sales ten times in a space of 40 years is an astonishing index of the development of the Colony. It will be noted that business more than doubled between 1891 and 1901, and there is evidence of rapid expansion also in the increase of over \$100,000 between 1901 and 1911, and of over \$290,000 between 1911 and 1921.

Here are the totals of revenue for the same years:

Year.	Total Revenue.
1881	302,710
1891	142,770
1901	355,912
1911	399,217
1921	514,157

Business in the registered letter department, of course, is recorded by numerical counterfoils, so that exact totals are available. Here are the figures by decades:

Year.	Number of Registered Letters.
1881	35,750
1891	134,570
1901	175,510
1911	570,927
1921	1,696,627

GROWTH OF THE PARCELS DEPARTMENT.

In 1882 a special check was made of the work in the registration and parcel branch. This showed that, taking 313 working days in the year, 115 articles were dealt with per working day. In 1892 this had risen to 516, in 1902 it had multiplied three times to 1750, in 1912 it had nearly doubled again—3,172; and in 1921 the figure was 4,153. Figures for 1922 are not yet ready but the daily total is expected to be over 4000. In other words, on an eight-hour working day, the Post Office handles as many parcels in a quarter of an hour as it used to deal with in a day in 1882.

THE GROWTH OF THE PARCELS POST.

Before 1882 the Post Office did not undertake parcel business. People who wanted to send parcels had to ship them. In the first year that the new facility was given, only 400 parcels were despatched. By 1892, the value of the service was beginning to be realised and the total parcels numbered 26,924. In 1921 as many as 333,061 parcels were handled.

The mezzanine floor in the Sorting Office has just been extended to facilitate handling the enormous parcel business. The year after the Post Office moved to the present building 110,145 parcels passed through in twelve months. The figure for the last available year, 1921, given above, was 333,061—more than double. Since November last, when the British postal agencies in China were withdrawn, the congestion has been acute. China not having yet made direct arrangements with India, the Dominions and Colonies, parcels for Shanghai now pass through Hongkong. Formerly, as Shanghai had a British Post Office, parcels were sent direct; now they come to Hongkong as the nearest British Post Office and have to be forwarded. Similarly, China is sending her outward parcel mail for British Colonies through Hongkong. Our Post Office receives transfer fees on all these transactions and will have considerably swollen revenues until direct arrangements are made. In order to cope with this pressure, and with the huge normal increase noted above, extra floor space for handling parcels has been secured by an extension of the mezzanine floor. Henceforward local parcels, and parcels to be forwarded, will be dealt with separately. Other rearrangements of the ground floor of the Post Office will soon become necessary, and the box-holders section is soon to be transferred to the Des Vaux Road side of the building. Another improvement which came into use yesterday was a counter in the public office so placed that in times of pressure it can be reserved for ladies.

KOWLOON MARATHON RACE.

AN EXCITING FINISH: V. C. BELL THE WINNER.

St. Andrew's Church Men's Association held its second annual marathon race yesterday afternoon when 15 completed over a course of 8½ miles. Leading Seaman V. C. Bell of H.M.S. Submarine L.5, a new comer to the Garrison covered the distance in 35mins. 27secs., and won the event with two seconds to spare. Pte. W. Carter, King's Regt., finished second. Bell held the lead from the start and only once was his position challenged and that near the finish when Carter drew level at the corner of Middle Road and Nathan Road. He went slightly to the front but Bell spurred, regained the lead and finished some yards in front of his challenger, though he appeared to be "all-out" while his opponent finished comparatively fresh. Bell was exhausted and had to be assisted into the dressing room.

Perhaps the most plucky runner of the 15 who faced the starter was a boy of 14 years of age named Bobbie Patten, a Kowloon boy scout, who stayed the distance and finished tenth, smiling and quite fresh. He was accorded a rousing ovation when he arrived home.

Starting from the church, the course followed Nathan Road, past the Yau-mai Chinese Theatre to Ho Mun Tin and the Kowloon Dairy. Passing along the new 100-foot road to Kowloon City, the course went back to the starting point by way of Hung Hom, the Cement Works, Chatham Road and past Signal Hill (via Middle Road) to Nathan Road.

The race was a representative one, entries being drawn from the Navy, the Military, the Police and Civilians (including one Portuguese runner—a youth named Carvalho, who many considered to be a likely winner).

Starting a minute or so after 5 o'clock the competitors got away in a bunch, Carter and Bell taking the lead. Along the Ho Mun Tin Road Bell, Carter and Old got out of "the ruck" and forged ahead. Leading Seaman Marchant and another, jogging along comfortably, bringing up the rear. The boy, Patten, who got left at the commencement in the scramble for positions, was going strong; he passed the stragglers and was running with ease alongside "the six-footer," who seemed to take two strides to the boy's three. On the Kowloon City Road it was evident it was a race between the three leading—Bell, Carter and Old. They were keeping close together, with the former setting the pace. He was leading by about 10 yards and was eating up the distance with a long swinging stride. Woodward and Police Sergeant Dowse were running fourth and fifth, practically abreast. Dowse looked a likely man, but both he and his companion were too far behind to be any real danger to the leaders. Dowse just prior to the race had had one hour's drill on the Central Station Square. Despite this he finished in quite a lively fashion. There was no change amongst the leaders until Middle Road was reached when Carter spurred and on turning into Nathan Road took Bell by surprise.

The pull up Nathan Road told on Bell, but he regained the lead and strove hard to put a safe distance between himself and Carter. Passing the Cinema he was 10 yards in front. This distance he maintained to the finish. The leaders on arrival at the Church were cheered heartily by the large number of people who had collected to witness the finish.

The times of the first three, in order as follows:—
1.—Leading Seaman Bell (L5), 35mins. 27secs.
2.—Pte. W. Carter, King's Regt., 35mins. 29secs.
3.—W. Old, M.A. Tau Kok Slaughter House, 35mins. 32secs.

The next seven in finished in the following order:—
4.—Pte. Woodward, King's Regt.
5.—Police-Serg. Dowse.
6.—J. Thompson, Kowloon Naval Depot.
7.—Leading Seaman G. Sheldrake (L5).
8.—Pte. B. B. Tinge, Royal Marines.
9.—A. E. Carvalho, Club de Recreio.
10.—Bobbie Patten.

The remaining five competitors, all of whom finished the course, were:—P.O. Ballon (L4), Pte. H. Garner (King's Regt.), Leading Seaman Marchant (Pittman), Leading Seaman Barrett (Pittman), and Pte. F. Jones (King's Regt.).

At the conclusion of the race a large gathering assembled in St. Andrew's Church Hall where the Vicar of St. Andrew's (Rev. R. Lindsay) presented the trophies to the winner and to the second and third man in.

Mr. Lindsay said it was the second marathon race they had held, and in many respects it was a better race than the first. It was a representative one. He then handed a cup (presented by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G.) to the winner and two smaller cups to the second and third men. These were presented by the St. Andrew's Men's Association and "Anonymous" respectively.

The Vicar briefly referred to Bobbie Patten's effort which he described as an extremely fine one for a youngster. When he was older he hoped to hear of him doing as well as the older men—in fact as well as Mr. Old.

The record time for the course is held by Mr. A. Meir who, in 1921, covered the distance in 30 mins. 32secs.

The committee in charge of the race was: Mr. A. G. Simpson, in charge of the course; Messrs. N. L. H. Ralston and A. C. Wilcox, timekeepers; H. Penny, hon. secretary; D. J. Purves and A. Meir, who assisted generally.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR WILLIAM REES DAVIES).]

SEVEN YEARS AND THE CAT.

ROBBING DEFENCELESS WOMEN.

Before the Chief Justice and a Jury comprising: Messrs. T. R. Parsons (foreman), P. A. X. Piquet, M. Wong, R. Taylor, J. R. Way, M. A. Gomes and P. J. Newman, two Chinese, named Cheung Kau and Chan Cheung, were indicted on a charge of participating in an armed robbery by two or more at a Nunnery, on Lan Tau Island on January 21st.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, prosecuting, said the robbery took place at the U. Chik Nunnery, situated on the Island of Lan Tau about three miles from Tai O. About 11 p.m. on the day in question, the five nuns were awakened from sleep by the doors of the Nunnery being smashed down, the firing of arms and the crashing of glass. Immediately afterwards five men made their appearance one being armed with a revolver and the others with daggers. They all carried torches. The terrified women were driven into a room and the robbers, after looting the place, locked them in a room. Some time later one of the nuns smelt something burning in another part of the premises. They forced open the door and found a mosquito net ablaze. They were fortunate in extinguishing this. The head nun then ran to a monastery, about 20 minutes away, and reported the robbery. Accompanied by two monks she made a trip to Tai O and the police were put on the track of the robbers. The following day the first prisoner was arrested in Tai O. He was identified by all five nuns. The other prisoner was arrested in a village about two and a half miles from Tai O. He was identified by one of the nuns.

After the case for the prosecution was closed the first prisoner elected to give evidence as to his movements on the night of the robbery at the Nunnery. In the box he admitted boarding a small boat in company with four other men, during the earlier part of the night. He stayed on the boat until 10 p.m. then went ashore.

Asked by the Chief Justice why he should go on board the boat at that time of night, the prisoner replied, "we—five of us—wanted to have a little food on board—that was all."

The Chief Justice: There are 5 men alleged to have taken part in the robbery?—Yes, that may be true, but at the Magistracy three of the five were discharged.

The second prisoner was one of those on board the boat?—Yes.

A man named Wong Chow told his Lordship that the two prisoners were his lokis. He employed them as stonecutters. He was in the prisoners' company on the night of the robbery and went on board the boat with them. The first prisoner spent the night with him.

This statement led his Lordship to suggest that he was one of those who participated in the robbery. The witness stoutly denied the suggestion and added that the prisoners had been falsely accused, though he could give no reasons as to why they should be so accused.

The Jury after a short retirement returned a verdict of "guilty" against both prisoners and his Lordship in sentencing them to seven years imprisonment and 15 strokes of the "cat" said he looked upon it as a serious crime to attack defenceless women. For the next seven years the New Territories would be well rid of such men as they were.

[BEFORE THE JUSTICE (MR. H. H. J. COMPERTZ).]

FIVE YEARS FOR AGGRAVATED ROBBERY.

The case in which a Chinese was indicted on Friday for committing an armed robbery together with others not in custody at a cinematograph dealer's house in Shanghai Street, on January 26th, was concluded yesterday morning. The Jury returned a verdict of "guilty" and the prisoner was sentenced to five years imprisonment with hard labour. The prisoner was identified nine days after the robbery by one of his victims, by a felt hat that he was wearing.

ALLEGED DEMAND FOR MONEY BY MENACES.

Chiu To Hing pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of demanding money by menaces from a Chinese woman and to a charge of intimidation, and a Jury was selected as follows to hear the case: Messrs. G. H. Elliott (foreman), Sir Mao Tai, T. P. Kow, A. S. Mackichan, R. H. Douglas, W. S. Drake, and A. R. Osborne.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball, prosecuting and Mr. P. C. Jenkin, barrister at law, instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, appeared for the defence.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

ALLEGED FORGED CHEQUES.

YOUNG CLERK CHARGED.

A young Chinese clerk named Luk Tang was charged at the Magistracy, yesterday with the following offences.

- (1.) Forging the signature of Mr. B. R. Branch on a cheque drawn on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on the 20th January.
- (2.) Uttering the cheque.
- (3.) Receiving the sum of \$785 by virtue of the cheque.
- (4.) On the 1st February forging the signature of Mr. Branch on a cheque drawn on the same Bank.
- (5.) Uttering the cheque.
- (6.) Receiving the sum of \$356 by virtue of the cheque.
- (7.) On the 14th February forging the signature of Mr. Branch on a cheque drawn on the same Bank.
- (8.) Uttering the cheque.
- (9.) Receiving the sum of \$865 by virtue of the cheque.

Mr. G. S. Tinson prosecuted, and Mr. R. G. A. Webster defended.

Mr. Tinson said the defendant was employed by Mr. Branch, an official measurer, as a clerk, at a salary of \$50 per month. Mr. Branch's office was in Connaught Road. The cheque book was kept in a roll top desk in Mr. Branch's office, and the desk was always kept locked when the office was closed.

In the afternoon on the 5th February the accused went into the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and handed over the counter a cheque for \$865. Mr. McPhail took it, and on examining it became suspicious of the signature. He took it to the Chief Accountant, Mr. Pentecross, and he also came to the conclusion that the signature was a forgery. They managed to get in touch with Mr. Branch, and he came round to the Bank and denied ever issuing such a cheque. Accused was then arrested. On examining the cheque book it was found that two other leaves had been torn out. There was no direct evidence with regard to the other two cheques.

A number of witnesses were then called for the prosecution, including an employee of Mr. Branch's who stated that during the tiffin hour on three separate dates during February accused asked him for the key to the office where the cheque book was kept, in order that he might go in and do some typing. There was never anyone else on the premises on these occasions. This man never suspected anything and let him have the key each time. Defendant's grandmother also gave evidence to the effect that her grandson gave her over \$450 in February in small and large sums, stating that he had won it gambling at Macao.

The case will be continued at mid-day to-day.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Subject to final audit, the Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming annual general meeting of shareholders that the balance at credit of profit and loss account at 31st December last be dealt with as follows, viz:—

To pay to shareholders a final Dividend of \$5 per share and a bonus of \$3 per share (making with interim Dividend of \$4 per share a total of \$12 per share for the year 1922) \$480,000.00

To write off Buildings and Plant 655,361.66

To pay a bonus to Staff 60,000.00

To carry forward to new account about 580,000.00

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT 5% NATIONAL WAR BONDS maturing 1st April may be exchanged for \$100. British Government Treasury Bonds 1920/1923 and \$2.15/- cash payment last date for conversion 17th March. British Government Treasury Bonds subject to British Income Tax for foreign residents. [450]

ALLEYNIAN DINNER.

DULWICH.

THERE will be an OLD ALLENIAN DINNER in the HONGKONG HOTEL on MONDAY, MARCH 5th. Will all O.A.A. please send their names to J. E. WATSON, ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, Bonham Road, as soon as possible. [452]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

RACE MEETING.

ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 28th, 29th and 30th MARCH, all Departments will be CLOSED at 2 P.M.

ON THESE DAYS The Hongkong Dispensary will be OPEN for the purpose of Dispensing Prescriptions from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. On SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, Business will be as usual. A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 26th February, 1923. [447]

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TO LET, Furnished for One Year or Eighteen Months, from 1st April, 1923:— "BERWICK LANE," No. 155, Peak. 5 Roomed Bungalow with Tennis Court and Garden, on Motor Road at Magazine Gap. Apply LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. [454]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE. FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "CITY OF NORWICH" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 3rd March, 1923, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 10th March, 1923, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 0.45 a.m. and noon, within the free storage period of one week. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents. Hongkong, 26th February, 1923. [448]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD. COPENHAGEN.

THE M/S "AFRIKA" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th of March, 1923, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 5th March, 1923, at 10 a.m. All claims must reach us before the 8th of March or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNEUS & CO., LTD., Agents. [455]

INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPER, LTD.

WILL Clients please send Copy for 1923/24 ANNUAL? Back Page of Annual is still Open for Acceptance. Apply—8, Des Vaux Road. [435]

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Entries for the ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT Close on the 28th instant. P. HENRY COLE, Hon. Secretary. [444]

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONGKONG.

NEXT TERM begins on MONDAY, MARCH 5th at 8.30 a.m. All NEW BOYS should see the Bursar, fill in Entry Forms and pay Fees between the hours of 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. on SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, during which time Parents and Guardians can see the Headmaster. The EXAMINATION for NEW BOYS will be at 10.30 a.m. on SATURDAY. The attention of Parents and Guardians is directed to the fact that delay in returning after the holidays and in sending New Boys is injurious both to the Boys and to the School. Applications will be received and further information supplied by the Bursar, THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, Hongkong. W. T. FEATHERSTONE, Headmaster. [437]

RACE MEETING NOTICES

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1923.

FEBRUARY 28th, MARCH 1st, 2nd AND 3rd.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the PUBLIC ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH or at the Gate.

PRICE—\$3.00 Per Day. SOLDIERS AND SAILORS in Uniform \$1.00 PER DAY.

No one is admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate. H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 26th February, 1923. [396]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS' BADGES OF ADMISSION TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE are now ready and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. ALL BADGES MUST BE PRODUCED TO GAIN ADMISSION. H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 26th February, 1923. [397]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

UNDER the New Arrangements the Entrance to the Public Enclosure will be from the Gate at the Wongquichong end of the Course. There will be a Ladies' Room, Refreshment Room, Bar and Stand No. 11 as well as separate Parimutuel for those using the Public Enclosure. The Cash Sweep will be at the End of the Public Enclosure next to the Weighing Room.

The Entrance for Members and those holding Tickets for the Members' Enclosure will be at the Middle Gate. Cafe-Woman are supplying Tiffin and Tea every day at the Jockey Club Stand, for Members and at No. 11 Stand for Non-members. Tables or Seats may be booked. H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 26th February, 1923. [427]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1923.

"D.A.J." extend a Cordial Invitation to all their Friends and the Public to attend the forthcoming Race Meeting at their Private Stand. No Cards are being issued. [453]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES FOR SERVANTS will be issued on application to Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands. Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure. H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [458]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. A limited number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings on or before TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.

PRICE—\$10.00 Per Day or \$30.00 for the Meeting. H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 26th February, 1923. [395]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the Presence of the LADIES At the Races. Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [433]

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will Open for the Transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 28th, 29th and 30th MARCH, and Close at 12 Noon. Hongkong, 23rd February, 1923. [438]

NOTICE.

THOS. COOK & SON give Notice that if the Fifteen Packages Deposited in their Godown on 18th August, 1920 by MME. G. BONNADEL, are not Claimed and Charges Paid by 30th April, 1923, the Packages will be SOLD to defray Expenses. [439]

THE CORONET.

TO-NIGHT TILL SATURDAY.

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"WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLL BY."

KOWLOON THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT, AT 5.30 & 9.15.

"SMOULDERING EMBERS."

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1922, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling, together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling, is payable on and after 26th day of FEBRUARY, 1923, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants. By Order of The Court of Directors, A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 24th, 1923. [415]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE THIRD NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, on TUESDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 17th February, 1923, until Tuesday, 27th February, 1923, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th February, 1923. [354]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY 28th, THURSDAY 1st March, FRIDAY 2nd March and SATURDAY 3rd March. By Order of the Committee, P. TESTER, Secretary. Hongkong, 26th February, 1923. [412]

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, at 9.15 P.M. at the THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS.

15 ROUND CONTEST FOR THE LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY AND THE "GEDGE" BELT.

A. B. CHADWICK, v. Stoker P. O. MORGAN. H.M.S. Marston, v. H.M.S. Hawkins, and

15 ROUND CONTEST FOR THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY AND THE "Daily Press" BELT.

A. B. DICKIN, v. Pte. AINSWORTH, R.M.L.I. H.M.S. Magnolia, also

SIX-ROUND CONTESTS.

BOOKING AT MOUTHERS: Members—Monday, February 28th. General Public—from Tuesday, 27th. [413]

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COMPANIES (WINDING UP). IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-1921.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHINA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition for the winding up of the above named Company by the Court was on the 9th day of February, 1923, presented to the said Court by THE GENERAL EXCHANGE COMPANY, LIMITED, a Company registered in Hongkong under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1911-1921 and whose registered office is at No. 19, Ice House Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong aforesaid.

And that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Courts of Justice, Victoria, aforesaid on the 5th day of MARCH, 1923, at 10.30 a.m., and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 9th day of February, 1923. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong.

Solicitors for the Petitioners.

NOTE. Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by registered post to the above-named GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO., notice in writing of his intention so to do.

The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO. not later than 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of March, 1923.

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BIRTHS.

CHEETHAM.—At Shanghai, on February 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. CHEETHAM, a son.

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MARRIAGE.

STODDART-BROWNE.—At Shanghai, on February 21st, JOSEPH STODDART to ANNIE LOUISE BROWNE.

DEATHS.

BUTLAND.—At Kuling, on February 18th, Mrs. R. M. BUTLAND, dearly beloved wife of Capt. G. BUTLAND, aged 52 years.

CARSTENSEN.—At Shanghai, on February 18th, HENRY FRANCIS OWEN CARSTENSEN, Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., aged 33 years.

FITCH.—At Shanghai, on February 17th, of pneumonia, Rev. GEORGE F. FITCH, D.D., in the 78th year of his age.

GOSSETT.—At Shanghai, on February 21st, EMILY GOSSETT, aged 59 years.

HARDIE.—At Shanghai, on February 18th, F. HARDIE (Superintendent Engineer of the Robert Dollar Co.), of meningitis.

MANIUS.—At Shanghai, on February 18th, LOUISA MANIUS, beloved wife of Professor G. H. MANIUS, aged 40 years.

WOOTEN.—At Shanghai, BENNETA FLORENCE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. WOOTEN, age three years and two months.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1923.

THE TUNE BUT NOT THE TIME.

A useful purpose would possibly be served if the references to the chaotic state of China contained in the speech of the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and in that delivered by the Chairman of the Conference of the Associated British Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai last week could receive the same amount of publicity in the world's press as was given to the pleas put forward by the Chinese delegates at the Washington Conference to influence the decisions which accord to China a status that actual conditions do not justify. As Mr. BURKILL

put it in his speech at Shanghai, the Washington resolutions lead people to imagine that the country is far more advanced than it is; far more progressive in spirit than it is; far nearer being able to achieve large reforms than it is. The Conference of the British Chambers of Commerce has deemed it desirable to pass a number of resolutions expressing its "strong dissatisfaction" with existing conditions in China, and especially with the widespread disorder that prevails because effective government is lacking. In some remarks on the agenda of the Conference Mr. CLIVE, H.M. Counsellor of Legation, pertinently remarked on the connection of this topic with the Washington resolution in regard to extraterritoriality. "There is no disguising the fact," he said, "that disorder exists in China and is far worse to-day than it was a year ago. It is detrimental and damaging to business and trade, and even, in certain provinces, a danger to life and property." Until there is a very marked improvement in the state of affairs, we must expect, Mr. CLIVE said, that the foreign Powers will move with the very greatest caution with regard to any proposal for renouncing their extraterritorial rights. Yet, Mr. CLIVE added that he had no doubt that the fullest support would be accorded to the International Commission which is expected to come out here and examine the question, "and we must sympathise with the Chinese and see that the question is fully put up to them." That is indicative of the general attitude of the British communities towards China. There is no lack of sympathy with Chinese aspirations for reform and with their desire to see the country taking the rank in the comity of nations that should belong to her as being next to Russia, the greatest in area of territory, and, by far, the most populous in the world. It is for that reason that organisations like the Associated British Chambers of Commerce, while protesting against the many evils of mis-government, are constantly preaching reform and progress, and proffering advice and help in various directions. Mr. BURKILL rightly claimed for the programme of the Associated Chambers of Commerce that it was entirely friendly to China in the sincere sense of the term. "We wish to help the country to the best of her ability. We have as much respect for her," he said, "as any of the delegates at Washington; we hope some day to see her really prosperous and strong. Our aims and those of the Washington Conference are identical. But while Washington's eyes were fixed mainly on the future, we are necessarily more impressed by the needs of the present." In point of fact the Washington Conference was not using a telescope. Most of the resolutions passed were intended for very early application, but the foreign delegates at the Conference, under the spell of the eloquent pleadings of two of China's most brilliant young diplomats, evidently came to their decisions under the gravest illusions in regard to the actual conditions in China, and these have yet to be corrected. But though foreign residents in China unanimously hold that many of the decisions reached at Washington were premature, their criticisms and protests, as Mr. BURKILL put it, are not so much out of tune with Washington as out of time.

Arising out of a case in which a Chinese stall holder was summoned for obstructing the path on the Praya, Inspector Kent, at the Magistracy yesterday, remarked to Mr. J. R. Wood that since fines of \$5 and \$10 had been inflicted for this class of offence the nuisance had been greatly lessened.

Rain caused a fire in the Wayside district of Shanghai last week. Some new sheds, which were being erected, had in them a number of barrels of unalaked lime and the rain soaking through the covering of the barrels started combustion and in due course the fumes suddenly ignited and the building burst into flames.

For riding on the footboard of a tramcar whilst it was in motion, a Chinese boy, fourteen years old, was sentenced to three strokes with a cane at the Magistracy yesterday. The offence took place in Des Vaux Road Central, and the defendant's excuse was that he jumped on to the footboard before realising he had no money with which to pay his fare. The constable who arrested him was riding in the car.

Empress liners have the honour of being the first steamers on the Pacific to have a whole cinema drama filmed aboard. It transpires that when the *Empress of Australia* was on her latest voyage between Vancouver and Yokohama pictures were taken for the "High Seas Honeymoon" in which Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pufford of Winnipeg took the principal parts. According to reports from Japan filming of the story took place daily, much to the diversion of the passengers.

News reached Shanghai last week of the death at Kuling of Mrs. Butland, wife of Captain G. Butland. She was a victim of intercolitis, and death occurred after a lingering illness. Mrs. Butland was, Dutch by birth, but was born in China sons on board her father's ship. She was married to Captain Butland 23 years ago, and during the ensuing years had been resident in the country, being respected and loved by all. On the outbreak of the Great War she threw herself heart and soul into the work to be done here says the *N.O. Daily News*. She did much for the Red Cross, and when the shortage of man power called for the services of women in business she at once offered herself, and for three years worked in the booking office of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. At the same time she suffered a severe trial during the war, losing two sons in action. A third son had previously died, and she is survived by her husband, Captain Butland, and two sons, one of whom is in the office of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. and the other at Chefoo school.

There were no cases of notifiable disease in the Colony on Sunday.

H.M.S. *Hawkins*, with Admiral Leveson on board, returned to Hongkong yesterday, accompanied by the other ships which went with her to Manila.

At the race meeting this week Café Wiseman are supplying tiffin and teas at the Jockey Club Stand for members, and at No. 11 Stand for non-members. Tables may be booked.

The attention of the public who will be attending the races this week is directed to an amended notice in regard to the new arrangements which appears among to-day's advertisements.

The lowest open air temperature registered at the Observatory yesterday was 43 degrees above zero. The highest open-air temperature for the previous day was registered at 55 degrees.

The American s.s. *Resolute*, which is expected here this week in the course of a round-the-world trip with 450 passengers, is flying the flag of the Panama Republic. A Japan paper says she has been registered in Panama in order to evade the Prohibition Law of the United States.

Another death recorded is that of Mr. F. Hardie, Marine engineer superintendent for all China of the Robert Dollar Company. He was stricken with double pneumonia two weeks previously, and meningitis followed upon this with fatal result. Mrs. Hardie had been in the hospital for two months recovering from an operation and was in such condition that the news of her husband's illness was not told her until the meningitis had set in and the physicians had given up all hope for his recovery. The blow has weakened her so that friends must remain continuously with her.

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Mr. Robert MacGregor, the well-known sportsman, died on Chinese New Year's Day and his funeral took place the following day at Bubbling Well cemetery, being attended by a very representative gathering of his friends in the business and sporting world.

Deaths of Well-known Shanghai Residents.

DR. GEORGE F. FITCH.

Shanghai papers record with great regret the death of the Rev. George E. Fitch, D.D., who was 78 years of age, and had been an active worker in the China Mission field for nearly 33 years. He was born in Avon, Ohio. Three of his five children are living in Shanghai. Dr. Fitch was for some years the Superintendent of the Presbyterian Mission Press in Shanghai, and co-incidentally Editor of the *Chinese Recorder*.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE RUHR.

ANOTHER EXPLANATION REGARDING BLACK TROOPS.

Paris, February 25th.

A French semi-official report from Dusseldorf says that the erroneous reports to the effect that black troops had been sent to the Ruhr area as reinforcements, arose probably from the fact that one relief division contained 200 men from Martinique, whose regiment only remained in the Ruhr area forty-eight hours.

EARLIER CABLES.

CONFLICTING FRENCH AND GERMAN REPORTS.

Bochum, February 25th.

The French invasion of the Chamber of Commerce lasted from nine in the evening until five thirty this morning. Two hundred troops, commanded by a colonel, closed the street with machine-guns. An officer then entered the building and demanded a certain official, who, however, was not present. The Germans state that the troops then broke into the wine cellar and became excited and sang. Afterwards they proceeded to a course of systematic destruction. Broken bottles were lying in every room. The same troops early in the morning entered the District Government office, and removed the typewriters and smashed the furniture.

Paris, February 25th.

A special French correspondent at Dusseldorf says that Bochum at present is the chief centre of anti-French agitation in the Ruhr. The French have been obliged to take steps first of all against the municipalities, which have done their utmost in the way of obstruction, and secondly against the Chamber of Commerce, which "organised and directed the boycotting of the French and Belgians. This was the reason for the searching of the Chamber of Commerce, which was carried out without incident. Nothing was done beyond seizing certain documents, and the alleged vandalism never occurred.

PORTION OF RHINELAND DISTRICT OCCUPIED.

Dusseldorf, February 25th.

The French Authorities announce the occupation of the right bank of the Rhine in the Koenigswinter district, also the Kaub district between the British and French bridgeheads, in order to secure possession of the railway between Cologne and Mayence in the territory which hitherto has rendered customs control ineffective. The occupation was carried out without incident, and is described as the logical outcome of the establishment of the new customs cordon in the Rhine-land.

FRENCH DIPLOMACY.

BRITISH POLICY MAY BE READJUSTED.

London, February 25th.

The Observer states that the British Government is closely considering the new turn of French diplomacy, aiming at a consolidation of the Franco-Belgian-Italian bloc, and excluding Britain. The move hitherto has not been very serious. Signor Mussolini has in no wise encouraged it, and Belgium is less inclined to underwrite the French risks in the Ruhr than she was five weeks ago. The British Government hitherto has been content to wait and see, but in the event of a new grouping of the Powers, British policy will naturally have to be readjusted. British official quarters hope that France will not persist in playing the dangerous game of the balance of power. According to the Observer's Paris correspondent, the best minds in France are already beginning to doubt the wisdom of such a policy.

U.S. AIRSHIP LINE.

TO OPERATE BY WEEN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO.

New York, February 25th.

A number of prominent men have decided to form a company to operate a dirigible airship line between New York and Chicago, with Government co-operation.

LATEST CABLES.

AMERICA AND L.O.N.
POSSIBLE LIVELY DEBATE
IN SENATE.

Washington, February 25th.

President Harding's message, proposing that the United States shall enter the Court of International Justice, surprised Congressional circles, and it is doubted whether the Senate will approve of the proposal in the present session. The irreconcilables hint that there will be a stormy debate in the Senate, probably reopening the old subject of American participation in the League of Nations.

The majority of the morning newspapers favour President Harding's plan, but think the time is too short for action in the present session of Congress.

ARMS SEIZED IN U.S.

THOUGHT TO BE DESTINED FOR IRELAND.

New York, February 25th.

The police have discovered and seized a quantity of arms and ammunition, hidden in the cellar of a tenement house. Altogether 175 cases were seized, containing 200 modern army rifles, 25 machine-guns, numbers of hand-grenades and many thousands of revolver cartridges. It is believed they were destined for the irregular forces in Ireland.

MEXICAN RAILWAY
ACCIDENT.

CAR FALLS FIFTY FEET INTO RAVINE.

New York, February 25th.

Advices from Mexico City state that a serious railway accident has occurred at San Marcos, owing to the spreading of the rails. Mr. Vincent York, chairman of the Mexican railways—whose private car fell fifty feet into a ravine—sustained serious injuries to his head, and possibly had his skull fractured and a rib broken. His wife was severely bruised. A British contractor was killed and several other passengers seriously injured.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE SZECHUAN FIGHTING.

Peking, February 25th.

It is reported from Szechuan that General Liu Cheng, Sun's two brigades have been defeated. They fled to Jen-showhsien. General Lai Hsin Hui is threatening General Tan Hsih Ao's rear.

Members of the Assembly and students are sending representatives asking the rivals to come to terms.

FAIRBANKS FILM.

"WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLL BY."

Breaking mirrors, walking under ladders, sitting down thirteen at a table, having a black cat cross the path—all these traditionally evil omens happen to Douglas Fairbanks in "When the Clouds Roll By," which is attracting big houses to the Coronet this week, but the indomitable optimism which has made him such a firm favourite with film audiences, wins through at the end and he comes to the top with his smile broader than ever. There is any amount of "pep" in the production; indeed it is difficult to conceive a Fairbanks film of which "pep" would not be the predominant feature. Superstition is the cleverly handled theme of the picture and "Doug" has many new stunts to do in the inimitable Fairbanks manner. The story has plenty of action, a strong love interest, a well-contrived element of suspense and a satisfactory ending as all good stories should. The supporting cast is reckoned to be the best Mr. Fairbanks has had in any of his pictures so far.

The General Council of the Bar has passed a resolution declaring it contrary to the etiquette of the Bar for a practising barrister to give an interview to a Press representative on any matter in which he is or has been engaged as counsel.

In the United States Senate Senator Robinson made a determined attack on American foreign policy, and insisted that "the ship of State was drifting, without chart or compass, while the helmsman, Mr. Secretary Hughes, was asleep at the wheel."

BRITISH OFFICIAL
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AUSTRIAN TREASURY BILLS

LONDON, February 25th.

The Morning Post financial editor says that the issue by the Austrian Government of yearly Treasury Bills totalling £3,500,000 is imminent.

Of this sum there is likely to be offered in London, about £1,800,000; in France, £400,000; in Belgium, £300,000; in Switzerland, £150,000; in Holland and also in Scandinavian countries.

Yesterday, says the Morning Post, it became known that so far as the London issue for £1,800,000 was concerned the underwriting arrangements were actually in progress.

The Bills are being brought out under the auspices of the Bank of England, and the arrangements were concluded in a brief space of time.

Austria, it is pointed out, is thus definitely assured of that temporary financial accommodation which she needs, pending the floating in a few months' time of a long-term loan of £27,000,000, provided for under the League of Nations' scheme.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN'S
BI-CENTENARY.

LONDON, February 25th.

The newspapers publish long accounts of the life and work of Sir Christopher Wren, architect, philosopher and mathematician, the bi-centenary of whose death is to be suitably celebrated to-morrow.

Sir Christopher Wren was buried in his great masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral, and there to-morrow a special commemorative service will be held.

Sir Christopher Wren was only 34 years of age when the great fire of London gave him the greatest opportunity offered to an architect. He was appointed the principal architect for the rebuilding of the whole city. Within a few days after the fire had burned itself out he was ready with sketches and plans for the new city. He designed St. Paul's and all the parochial churches and other public structures.

It seems clear that Sir Christopher Wren had not concerned himself with architectural work until some three years before he undertook this tremendous commission, his first studies having been given to mathematics and medicine.

CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT.

LONDON, February 25th.

In the report to the Secretary of State for Air on the question of Government financial assistance to civil air transport companies, the committee of business men appointed by the Air Ministry suggest the formation of a new commercial organisation to which would be granted assistance in subsidies.

It is proposed that the amount of this assistance shall be £1,000,000, spread over a period of 10 years, thus averaging £100,000 per annum, of a little more than half the amount that has been paid yearly since 1921.

None of the members of the committee has any connection with aviation, and they were able, therefore, to make an independent enquiry and analysis of the finances of air transport.

The committee heard evidence from the Federation of British Industries and the Association of the British Chambers of Commerce, and assured themselves that there is a real desire on the part of the commercial world to see an efficient air transport service between Great Britain and the Continent, even at the cost of considerable subsidies.

The question of airships and of an air mail service to India did not concern this committee.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS
IN U.S.A.

"The current year opens with the general business situation substantially better than at the beginning of 1922," states a cable from the Guaranty Trust Company of New York to its London office. "The country's credit structure is stronger than twelve months ago, largely due to the liquidation of bank loans and the accumulation of adequate reserves. Production is practically normal throughout the country; unemployment is negligible; railway traffic is growing, and will necessitate a considerable addition to transportation facilities, which should stimulate many businesses. The bond market is active, and this would seem to indicate a general conservative confidence. Foreign trade is well maintained despite disturbed conditions abroad, and the slow economic recovery in some of the countries upon which American producers depend for markets. Liquidation effected in 1922 is indicated by the fact that business failures in the United States during the last twelve months were \$2,400, the largest number in the history of the country, being an increase of 11.9 per cent. over the failures in 1921, and an increase of 184 per cent. over those of 1920. The liabilities were \$243,655,623, the second largest in history, being 14 per cent. less than in 1921, but 51 per cent. greater than in 1920. Pig-iron production in December was 3,066,238 tons, the largest output since October, 1920, being 8.2 per cent. more than November and 87.1 per cent. more than in December, 1921. No business boom is expected in 1923."

BRITISH CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE.SPEECH BY MR. R. H. CLIVE,
C.M.G.

Following upon Mr. A. W. Burkill's inaugural address at the Conference of the Associated British Chambers of Commerce of China and Hongkong, held at Shanghai last week, Mr. R. H. Clive, C.M.G., H.M. Counsellor of Legation addressed the gathering in the following terms:

"I am sorry, that H.M. Minister is not himself able to be present. He was recently in Shanghai and I understand that he spent some time in discussion with you. He has asked me to convey to you his very best wishes for the success of the conference. He has read the resolutions and he looks forward with interest to reading a report of your discussions, and I am to assure you that the fullest consideration will be given, as in the past, to such recommendations as you see fit to make. I have heard it suggested—there are always some sceptics about—that these annual meetings are perhaps a waste of time, that they take place too often, and such like criticism. It may, perhaps, also be said that there are no apparent results from your resolutions. Well, you who have lived much longer in China than I have must know that you seldom obtain anything in this country at the first time of asking. My own experience in Peking is that you have to pound and pound away in order to obtain any satisfaction, but provided your case is a good one and you show sufficient perseverance, and wait long enough, in the end you probably obtain some satisfaction. So I am convinced that these annual meetings are really a very good thing. You have an opportunity of meeting and exchanging views, of putting forward grievances when you have any, and of discussing many questions of great interest in your business, and, as we do in the Legation, of pounding away at some old questions to which one almost despairs at times of finding a solution."

THE DISORDER IN CHINA.

There are two resolutions on your agenda relating to matters of very special interest, not only to the British community but to all foreigners—extra-territoriality and the disorders in China. These resolutions have a certain bearing one on the other. There is no disguising the fact that disorder exists in China and is far worse to-day than it was a year ago. It is detrimental and damaging to business and trade and even, in certain provinces, a danger to life and property. Foreigners and Chinese alike wish for nothing better than that these disorders should cease and that the Central Government should be in a position to extend its influence and control throughout the whole extent of this vast country. The signs at present are not hopeful and, until there is a very marked improvement in the present state of affairs, we must expect that the foreign Powers will move with the very greatest caution with regard to any proposal for renouncing their extra-territorial rights. I have no doubt that the fullest support will be accorded to the International Commission which is expected to come out here and examine the question, and we must sympathise with the Chinese and see that the question is fully put up to them. I will say no more now, but shall wait with interest your discussions."

THE FURTHER.

"Another very important resolution—and perhaps no less important than these other two—is that of the 14 per cent. surtax. On this question we are to have another International Commission. In Europe these are of almost daily occurrence and they have even been known to meet and go away without doing anything. In China we are less accustomed to having international experts come amongst us and I can hardly believe that a special Conference will assemble from all parts of the world and achieve nothing, for in the words of the Washington resolution the Conference is to decide the date, purposes and conditions of the surtax. In your discussions you can make suggestions both as regards the purposes and conditions on which the surtax should be enforced. Your suggestions and the discussions they will evoke will be of very great interest both to H.M. Minister and H.M. Government, whose consent, of course, is required to the tax."

I say, with the full approval of the Minister, that the British Government wishes and always has wished to approach the question before the special conference in the most broadminded spirit. They will resolutely oppose any attempts by the Chinese Government or individuals to anticipate the resolutions of the conference by enacting any advance in revenue by a surtax may bring in. Fundamentally, the idea of the Washington Conference was to benefit China as a whole, and it is firmly believed that anything that can be done to strengthen the Chinese Government and place its finances on a sound basis is going to advance British commercial interests in this country. It is for this conference to determine how this can be done."

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FLOWER GIRLS FUNERAL.
SERVICE AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

The burial took place in Manor Park Cemetery, on January 17th, of the flower girl, known as Fannie Collins. Her name as given on the coffin was Francis Lewington (née Collins), and her age was stated to be 40. For forty of those years she had earned her living as a flower seller, for the greater part of the time at her stance in Ludgate-hill.

Tens of thousands of Londoners took part in the flower-girl's funeral, and by the unexpected, and even surprising, spontaneity of their understanding and respect, paid a popular tribute to a life of simple usefulness and kindly human endeavour among the humblest of London's daily bread-winners. Often has the funeral of a modest hero in civil life been made the occasion of a great popular demonstration. But here was a seller of flowers whose earliest recollections were of sleeping in doorways, and who to the end of her days, winter and summer alike, continued to "cry" flowers on Ludgate-hill; and she, too, is found a niche in the daily commemoration of London life because she was devout and honest, and gave even of her own neediness to the suffering and sick and those poorer than herself!

A funeral service was held in the church of St. Clement Danes, to which her remains were carried from the single room which was her dwelling, and placed amid hundreds of sweet-smelling blooms before the high altar. Even her surname was unknown to scores of those who sent wreaths to the memory of "Fannie." The preacher himself referred to her from the pulpit as "Fannie." And thousands of men, women, and children standing in the cold and fog-darkened street to see the cortege could speak of her by no other name. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The altar place became a frail carpeting of flowers as wreath after wreath was carried in. The entrance to every pew was hung with white tulips and white narcissi. Intertwined with the flowers were oranges and lemons to remind one of the oldest of London's "cries," and, indeed, the bells of St. Clement's do almost every day now. Flower girls of Drury-lane and St. Clement's formed a "guard of honour" outside the church. As the coffin was borne into the church it was received by the rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, at the church gates, and the kindly paterfamilias and friend of the dead woman, Mrs. Louie Pennington Bickford, walked behind, bearing a "ft. cross of lilies and red carnations on behalf of the flower-sellers and costers of London. After her came several relatives of the dead woman, many of them bitterly distressed. Her adopted son was among the mourners. Immediately after came a street flower-seller carrying an empty flower-basket and the dead owner's badge and strap. The rector's band of boys played the "Dead March" from "Saul," and as their music died away in the outer fog the blue-velvet choir of St. Clement's women singers took up the rendering of the beautiful hymn by Mrs. Bickford, "Father! King Immortal!"

The church was filled to overflowing. Flower girls of 18 and flower girls of 80 were present, and the representatives of many Coster unions.

The preacher, the Rev. John Darlington, paid an eloquent tribute to a humble and good woman. "Fannie," he said, a daughter of the people, knew what it was to sleep on doorsteps in her early youth. Often she finished her day's work wet through and tired with unsold flowers. Yet she would turn to and help others—the sick, the old and the young. To the young she never ceased to offer her protection and help. Truly she had learned the lesson of Divine unselfishness. That was why she was honoured that day. Despite the hardships of her life it was a joyous one. Fannie would be the last to see in her life only its hardship and drabness."

THE INDEMNITY.

You also have a resolution with regard to the Boxer Indemnity. Just before Christmas, when I was in charge of the Legation, I was authorized to make an informal communication to the Chinese Government, which I did more or less in the following terms:—"His Majesty's Government has decided in principle to revoke the outstanding portion of the Boxer Indemnity for purposes mutually beneficial to both countries." I added that the question was not altogether easy, that there were various complications, and that His Majesty's Government could not say more at the time. I made that communication verbally, but I hope in due course we shall make a formal and official communication on the subject. That is the position to-day."

I have no wish to detain you any longer. This is the third visit I have paid to Shanghai and to come here is always a pleasure. I like coming here. I like your damp and rather muggy climate after Peking, as it tends to clear away some of the cobwebs. I like to meet business men from different parts of China and I appreciate the compliment in being asked to come to this conference, and I thank you for your welcome."

SCOTTISH SPORT.

RUGBY REVIEW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

EDINBURGH, January 27th.

The weather intervened, and the Rugby card had to be cut down somewhat. One of the best matches of the week was between Heriot's and Edinburgh University, and although the leaders won by 18 points to 5, they were pulling on the collar for a good three parts of the game, and had not got fairly out of the wood until within about twenty minutes of the close. The best feature in the match was the plucky fight made by the "Varsity forwards" who, whatever they might have done on a firm pitch, were as good as Heriot's in the mud. Exactly what was expected happened at Hawick. The Watsonians had a bit of football in their back division, for which the Borders had no equivalent. Hawick pack worked themselves to the last pound and had the better of it but not sufficiently so to turn the balance in their favour. Edinburgh Academicals in a sea of mud beat Kelso, Glasgow High School won very comfortably from Stewarts.

Heriotians, 18; Edin. Univ., 5. Edin. Academicals, 11; Kelso, 0. Institution, 3; Royal High School, 3. Hawick, 0; Watsonians, 3. Glas. High School, 23; Stewarts, 0. Selkirk, 39; Ellilhead, 0. Kelso, 0; Jedforest, 8. Langholm, 0; Gala, 21.

THE FIRST OF THE CUP-TIES.

With the advent of the Scottish Cup-ties the most interesting stage of the football season has been reached. Instituted in 1873-1874, the competition has gone on merrily ever since, with the exception of the period of the war. It has continued to grow in interest and all over Scotland the outcome of the ties, especially the first ties, as they affect so many junior clubs and so many districts, is awaited with feverish interest.

The first round was played under trying conditions, the grounds being slippery, so that stamina and strength were the prime factors in the contests. There were no sensations. Though the Cup-holders, Morton were defeated at Kirkcaldy, such an occurrence was generally accepted as probable in view of the relative positions and form of the clubs in the League. A surprising and gratifying feature of the round was that only three games were drawn, an unusually small proportion. Next to the failure of the Cup-holders, one of the most discussed results was the defeat of Queen of the South at Dumfries by King's Park. The Dumfries club are not even in second League football, but their unique position, their engagement of noted First League players, and their apparent invincibility on their own ground took the popular fancy, and in the course of the Scottish Cup competition this season it was generally assumed that Queen of the South would be responsible for something sensational. The meeting of Clyde and Rangers attracted much attention because, earlier in the season, Clyde had run their opponents very close; but Rangers took command from the start, and gave a display that under normal conditions would have been unworthy, and which under the prevailing conditions, a mud-churned pitch and a heavy ball, was nothing short of remarkable. Four First League Clubs, Clyde, Alloa, Morton, and Albion Rovers, fell on the first day, and as three of the four are threatened with relegation there was a measure of consistency in the defeat that is rarely looked for or experienced in Cup-tie football. The success of Queen's Park was received with enthusiasm, and their presence in the next round undoubtedly adds to the interest.

Aberdeen	1	Forfar Athletic	0
Arbroath	3	Mid-Annapdale	1
Alloa	0	Queen's Park	1
Arbroath Athletic	0	Ayr United	3
Boness	6	Clackmannan	0
Clyde	0	Rangers	4
Clydebank	0	Royal Albert	0
Dumbarton	0	Dunfermline Athl.	1
Dundee Hibs	3	Keith	3
East Fife	7	Barrick Rangers	1
East Stirling	1	Bathgate	1
Glen City	0	St. Mirren	3
Glasgow	10	Breadalbane	0
Glasgow A.D.	1	Stenhousemuir	0
Hamilton A.D.	1	Albion Rovers	0
Heart of Midlothian	6	Thornhill	0
Hibernian	4	Clackmannan	0
Junior	2	Fraserburgh	1
Johnstone	2	Armadale	1
Kilmarnock	2	East Fife	0
Lochgelly United	0	Peebles Rovers	4
Morton	0	Arbroath	0
Nairn	1	Arbroath	0
Partick Thistle	1	Third Lanark	0
Peterhead	3	Vale of Leithen	0
Queen of the South	0	King's Park	1
Raith Rovers	1	Morton	0
St. Bernard's	1	Deilbeattie Star	1
St. Johnstone	1	Motherwell	2
Vale of Atholl	0	Dundee	6
Vale of Leven	0	Inverness Thistle	1

On replay, Third Lanark defeated Partick Thistle by 3 to 2.

Preaching in the Church of Ascension, New York, last month, Dr. Percy Grant, one of the best-known Episcopalian clergymen in America, declared that few clergymen educated in the sciences accepted the idea that Jesus had the power of God, and that the consecration of churches was the mere survival of the "age of witch-craft, magic, and taboo."

Mr. Ronald McNeil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, speaking at Canterbury, said that the British Government disavowed the French policy on reparations not because it was wrong in itself but because they thought that it would defeat its own purpose. It would be the aim of both Governments to keep the difference within as narrow limits as possible.

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PARIS FASHION NOTES

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISABEL RAMBAY.]

PARIS, January 15th.

The clothes which the big designers are creating for the Riviera are very dainty and bright this season. Cream and ivory white are the dominant shades, so that at least fifty per cent. of the dresses and hats labelled "Riviera Collection" are in tones of white. Mixed with black, nothing is quite so smart, when seen against a background of bright flowers or rippling blue sea.

New to such youthful shades, nothing is so fashionable this season as champagne and what the French call "tortoiseshell" shades. These may range from the palest of blonde to the darkest of nut brown tones. Natural Shantung lends itself admirably to this new colour craze, and makes up very charmingly into inexpensive little frocks for everyday wear. When this shade is worn, everything must match, from sunshade down to stockings and shoes.

Knitted clothes are also playing quite an important part in the composition of the wardrobe of the slender-purged woman starting for the Riviera. The Paris houses where such goods are specialized in are almost over-burdened with orders. Dresses may be in one or two pieces, in silk or fibre silk; they may be plain or have the quaintest of patterns worked into them. Usually, they are finished with scalloped edges or a narrow band of black braid. Knitted coats and skirts are, perhaps, more popular than knitted dresses, as they are not only reasonably inexpensive and becoming, but extremely practicable as well. The skirt of these is quite plain and straight, and the jacket is cut much on the lines of those of a man's suit, with a couple of pockets at each side and a fairly narrow belt of the same material drawing in what fullness there happens to be.

Knitted sports coats for golf and tennis are quite gay with the latest idea of trimming added to them. Raised flowers stand out on a deep, turned-back collar; a design worked in two colours lives up a cream knitted coat; the design, which is usually carried on in a series of scrolls, is laid on collar and cuffs, and a deep band of it is added round the bottom of the coat.

A variation of this is a costume in woollen camel's hair cloth, in a light shade, trimmed with a Persian or Greek design woven on in black; any of the fashionable shades of tortoiseshell look extremely smart when treated in this way. Another smart model shows a three-quarter skirt and a fairly full coat worn with a sweater of Shetland wool embroidered with a Roumanian design carried out in a host of bright shades; this is the principal attraction of Chanel's Riviera collection.

Cream, embroidered or trimmed with shades of almond green, orange, maize or tortoiseshell is ever so becoming and easy to wear. All sports clothes and clothes designed expressly for wear along the promenade in the mornings are chosen in cream and allied to one of these shades. For evening wear, dresses are light, bright, fluffily beaded. In fact, the beaded frock is, perhaps, the most fashionable detail of the moment. Orange in a deep shade looks well when studied over with dull steel beads; turquoise is more becoming when its harshness is toned down by a powdering of fine silver or black beads; grey looks even softer when studded over with gun-metal beads, whilst black looks more distinguished when embroidered with black or tiny crystal beads.

Every type of material is beaded—lace, crepe, Georgette, velvet, satin, crepe, Maroon, and crepe de Chine—although the latter is rather too brilliant in itself to act as a good foil to the shining beads. Beaded dresses are, of course, made quite plain and straight, and, as they are so decorative in themselves and need little or no trimming, they are merely draped at the waist towards the left hip, where they are caught with a buckle, a flower or a loop and ends.

Although evening clothes are inclined to be more elaborate than ever, the line remains practically the same, and it is still the straight or slightly-draped gown one sees most. Sleeves are still conspicuous by their absence, and the train, when it really does exist, is no more than a wisp at the back, or a couple of wisps formed by a prolongation of a couple of side-panels.

All lamé materials are worn a great deal in the evening. They are seen frequently that with silver or gold, yet no less beautiful are the exquisite lamé fabrics which show a glistening surface shot with pink, mauve or blue threads of silk.

As well as the straight or draped dresses, there is always a percentage of the "period" styles Jeanne Lanvin is so noted for. These are usually made of tulle, and, being full and of the "fluffy" type, are more suited to young girls or slim, petite women.

One of the features of the charming new theatre, "Le Théâtre des Nouveautés," which has just recently been opened on the boulevards, is an exhibition of designs by Robert Polack entitled "La Mode Eclectique." Seen through the eyes of this well-known young artist, nothing is so delightful as La Mode, whether in her eccentric or uneccentric mood. Amongst the many models exhibited are a number of bewitching Riviera models. One, in particular, is bound to make an appeal to women who aim at dressing in clothes that are "different." This is a white organdie frock, made with a full, billowing skirt finished with a narrow black ribbon girdle and ends; the sleeves, which constitute the whole *cachet* of the dress, are enormous, triangular-shaped affairs in a bright yellow shade of crepe Georgette, and the peaked edges are finished with a tiny band of black ribbon to match the belt; the body is plain and tight-fitting and is finished with a *defeu* neck. Another model, showing an equally charming blending of shades, is carried out in organdie in a deep orange shade; it is made on much the same lines (very favourite ones, by the way, for the

Riviera this season) as the white and canary frock, and is finished with a wide monk's collar, ultra-bands finishing the ends of the sleeves and a binding round the scalloped hem of striped percale in orange and deep natter blue tones; a narrow natter blue ribbon encircles the waist and then floats out in rakish ends.

For those who love quaint things above all others there are cheeky-looking day and evening models which upset all sartorial axioms by having sleeves that begin just above the elbow and are, at best, no more than deep pleated frills caught round the arm with a band of ribbon; sometimes a second band draws this "sleeve" in at the wrist as well, but, generally, the majority of designs show the deep frill idea. The evening models all show deep fur collars, cuffs and bands, with here and there a touch of embroidery carried out in tones that are more or less crude, such as ultra-marine, vermillion, grass green and canary yellow. Hats are without exception almost of the shady, *cloche* type. In fact, the one outstanding feature of this collection of designs is the ease with which each detail of dress—hat, shoes, stockings, parasol and bag—has been made to fit in with the general scheme of line and colour.

One of the features of the collection Molyneux has just completed for the Riviera season is a number of short leather jackets in bright shades—scarlet, lemon yellow, jade green, and so on. An even more original model is in washing suede. These are for wear with simple white frocks, the majority of which have a pleated skirt. Painted leather hats in the same bright shades have been designed to match these coats and so comply with the rule of *ensemble* effects that is dominating all collections these days.

A charming example of this is shown in a dress of figured crepe Roman, trimmed with a modern floral design; with this, a white sports coat is worn, on the pockets of which appear the same floral design carried out in the same colours as those which figure on the dress. A parasol in figure chiffon to match both dress and jacket is added.

Some of the parasols to match the more elaborate type of day dresses are covered with lace flounces.

For travelling or morning wear there are smart little costumes, showing a pleated skirt in an English tweed, with a bold plaid design, which is worn with a sleeveless jacket made in the same shade as the most dominant colour in the plaid.

Sports suits are made in an attractive knitted material; pastel shades have been chosen by the designer in preference to others, although there are models in black and brown for those who like darker and more definite shades.

Evening models are made of all materials, from delicate crepe Georgette to rich, heavy velvet and, almost without exception, they are trimmed with beads, made of every substance and of every hue. One of the most effective models is in blue crepe Georgette entirely embroidered with crystal beads, shading from the palest of blue to a deep sapphire tint. Many models that are not actually embroidered in beads of some sort are draped to the side, where they are caught with a beaded ornament.

WEATHER REPORT.

Feb. 26th at 11.55.—Pressure has decreased considerably at Vici-tok and slightly at Wei-tai-wi. It has increased moderately from Shanghai to Hap-hong, and is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

A typhoon may be forming to the south of Guam. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 26th Feb., 0.3 inch. Total since January 1st, 45.1 inches, against an average of 2.97 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon, 27th Feb., is as follows:—

DISTRICT		FORECAST	
Hongkong to Gap Rock		N.E. winds, fresh; overcast.	
Formosa Channel		N.E. winds, strong.	
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamouks	The same as No. 1		
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	The same as No. 1.		

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 26th.

	Previous Day	On Date	at Date
	at 1 p.m.	at 4 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.11	30.20	30.21
Temperature	55	49	48
Humidity	67	87	83
Wind Direction	NNE	N	N
Force	2	2	3
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.0	0.0	0.03

Highest open-air Temperature on 25th... 55

Lowest open-air Temperature on 26th... 48

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Feb. 27th to Mar. 6th, 1928.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day of Month	Time	Day of Month	Time
Tue. 27	7:38	Wed. 28	11:49
Wed. 28	8:06	Thur. 29	12:04
Thur. 29	8:42	Fri. 30	12:28
Fri. 30	9:17	Sat. 1	12:58
Sat. 1	9:52	Sun. 2	1:34
Sun. 2	10:28	Mon. 3	2:09
Mon. 3	11:04	Tue. 4	2:44
Tue. 4	11:40	Wed. 5	3:19
Wed. 5	12:16	Thur. 6	3:54

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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 25th.

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February 26th.

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Chipshing, British str., from Canton.

Fushimi Maru, Japanese str., 6,816 tons, Capt. R. Shimidzu, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

Singyo Maru, Japanese str., 6,118 tons, Capt. Y. Yamamura, from Karatsu, with a general cargo.—T.K.K.

Haimun, British str., 641 tons, Capt. C. E. Page, from Haiphong, with a general cargo.—Po Shui S.S. Co.

Kansu, British str., from Canton.

Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,306 tons, Capt. Subana, from Dairen, with coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

Kuichow, British str., Canton.

Kuanglei, Chinese str., 1,488 tons, Capt. Ch. Stewart, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—C.M.S.N. Co.

Long Sang, British str., 1,093 tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from Manila, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.

Reims, French str., from Canton.

Takima Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. K. Katsuramoto, from Pakhoi, with a general cargo.—Y.K.K.

Tatzena, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Chin Chee, from K. C. Wan, with a general cargo.—Yan Fat S.S. Co.

Tugen Maru, Japanese str., 2,178 tons, Capt. S. Nomura, from Sandakan, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

Tjalling, Dutch str., 6,034 tons, Capt. E. H. Kroes, from Samarang, with a general cargo.—J.C.J.L.

Wakasa Maru, Japanese str., 3,504 tons, Capt. K. Harikawa, from Mojo, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

CLEARANCES.

February 25th.

Chickung, for Canton.

City of Norwich, for Shanghai.

Sanna Maru, for Swatow.

Yatunah, for Swatow.

February 26th.

Australia, for Singapore.

Binang, for Swatow.

Chipshing, for Canton.

Fushimi Maru, for Shanghai.

Haidia, for Bangkok.

Haidia, for Saigon.

Hydangon, for Swatow.

Ichang, for Saigon.

Kuanglei, for Canton.

Kuanglei, for Swatow.

Laomedon, for Singapore.

Mohan, for Canton.

Nairang, for Swatow.

Prater, for K. C. Wan.

Prater, for Canton.

Shantung, for Canton.

Shantung, for Shanghai.

Shantung, for Swatow.

Tokai Maru, for Saigon.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* was to leave Nagasaki yesterday, at 5 p.m., and is due at Kobe to-day, at 4 p.m.

The E. & A. Co's *Eastern* left Moji for this port on the 24th instant, p.m., and is due here on the 28th instant, p.m.

The s.s. *Everyday* (Blue Funnel) from Liverpool, left Singapore on 24th inst. for this port, and is due here on March 2nd.

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The s.s. *Oanfa* (Blue Funnel) arrived at Liverpool on 24th instant.

The s.s. *Catfish* (Blue Funnel) arrived at Boston on 2nd instant.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Awa Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.

Gardita, due to-day.

Hygon (Blue Funnel), due to-day.

Porthis (M.M.), due March 2nd.

Priam (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.

TOO LATE.

A LIFE LOST IN A COLLISION.

The Court of Appeal—the Master of the *Rolls* and Lord Justice Warrington and Younger—last month dismissed an appeal which arose out of a collision between the liner *Orlando*, when she was under requisition by the Admiralty, and the P. & O. liner *Kashmir*. The plaintiff, who appealed, was the mother of a man who lost his life in the collision, and she asked for an extension of the time for bringing a claim notwithstanding that the two years allowed under the Maritime Conventions Act, 1911, and a decree of the Court had expired. Mr. Justice Hill had held that where a plaintiff was aware of the facts within the two years the time for making a claim ought not to be extended on the mere ground that the plaintiff was ignorant of her legal rights.

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ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Schledyk	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 10th Mar.	On 10th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Ludendorff	Ger.	Reuter Bros. & Co.	About 22nd Mar.	About 22nd Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Morea	Brit.	P. & O. E. I. & A. L.	On 7th Mar.	On 7th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Wakasa Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 7th Mar., 3 p.m.	On 7th Mar., 3 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Namsang	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.	On 18th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Van Choon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 18th Mar.	On 18th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Penna	Dut.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 27th Feb.	On 27th Feb.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Nanchang	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 6th Mar., 10 a.m.	On 6th Mar., 10 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Mishima Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 6th Mar.	About 6th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Talka Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 1st Mar.	About 1st Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Hwang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Mar., 3 p.m.	On 1st Mar., 3 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Tango Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 3rd Mar., Noon	On 3rd Mar., Noon
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Eastern	Brit.	P. & O. E. I. & A. L.	On 28th Feb., 10 a.m.	On 28th Feb., 10 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Hopson	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 27th Feb., Noon	On 27th Feb., Noon
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Fushimi Maru	Brit.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23rd Feb., 7 a.m.	On 23rd Feb., 7 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Garbata	Brit.	P. & O. E. I. & A. L.	On 3rd Mar., D.L.	On 3rd Mar., D.L.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Shantung	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	About 7th March	About 7th March
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About 6th Mar.	About 6th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 35th Feb., 10 a.m.	On 35th Feb., 10 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 27th Feb., Noon	On 27th Feb., Noon
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	About 4th Mar.	About 4th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 10th Mar.	On 10th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 6th Mar.	On 6th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 6th Mar., 10 a.m.	On 6th Mar., 10 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 2nd Mar., 1 p.m.	On 2nd Mar., 1 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 27th Feb., 1 p.m.	On 27th Feb., 1 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 2nd Mar., 2 p.m.	On 2nd Mar., 2 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 2nd Mar.	On 2nd Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 3rd Mar.	On 3rd Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 3rd Mar.	On 3rd Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Trieste	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 3rd Mar.	On 3rd Mar.
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PAUL LEBLANC	2nd Feb.	27th March	1st May
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"KASHMIR"	8,800	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUDAN"	6,700	23rd Mar.	Spain, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"DONGOLA"	8,800	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"KASHGAR"	9,000	16th May	do.
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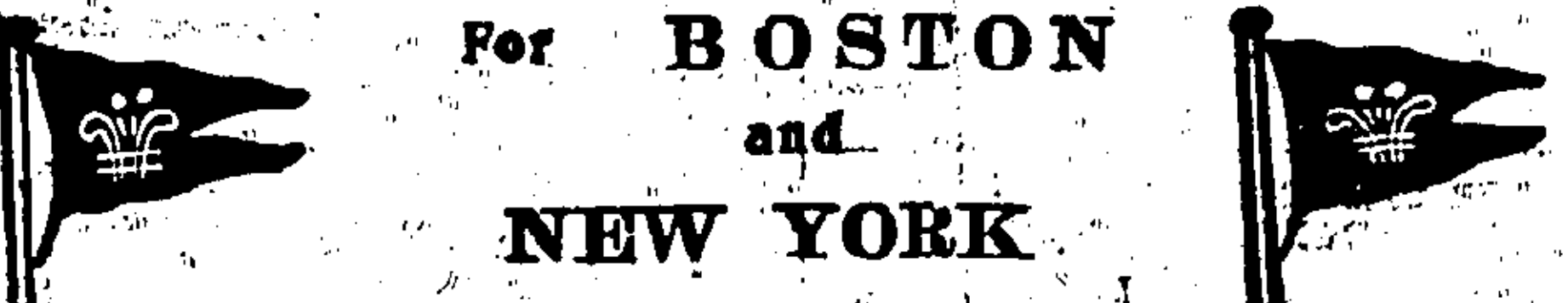
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AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 1st Mar. D.L.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 3rd Mar. D.L.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & PUKOW	"YUNNAN"	On 4th Mar. 10 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 4th Mar. 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"NANCHANG"	On 5th Mar. 10 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	Shanghai	27th inst.
SEATTLE	Asia Maru	27th inst.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DUE
Fort Bayard	Chung Sing	Tuesday, 27th, 8.30 A.M.
Bangkok	Fulda	8.30 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Fushimi Maru	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Shanghai	Noon
Fort Bayard	Tai Sze Ma	1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Huon	2.00 P.M.
Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	3.40 P.M.
Sanshui and Wuchow	Taining	4.30 P.M.
Kiangchow and Haiphong	Leasing	Wednesday 23th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow	Hop Sang	8.30 A.M.
Seratus, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via D'Kodi, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles - due Marseilles 31st, March	Kashima Maru	Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island - due Thursday Island 12th Mar.	Victoria	Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Takao	Tuyen Maru	8.00 P.M.
Amoy	Sunming	5.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Haitan	MARCH
Seigon	Shansi	Thursday, 1st, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Friday, 2nd, Noon
Philippine Islands	Pres. Grant	3.30 P.M.
Philippine Islands, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island - due Thursday Island, 16th March	Eastern	Saturday, 3rd, Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Kaiyo Maru	Sunday, 4th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Namsang	Monday, 5th, 1.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via D'Kodi, Bombay, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles - due Marseilles, 7th April	Mcra	Tuesday, 6th, 5.00 P.M. Wednesday, 7th, Registration 9.00 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Tuesday, 13th, 2.00 P.M.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

FROM SHUNGWAN BRANCH FOR	ON WEEK-DAYS	ON SUNDAY	ON HOLIDAY
Canton and Samshui	7.30 A.M.	8.30 P.M.	7.30 A.M.
Tai Ping Tung	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Shak Ri	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Rongmoon	6.00 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Kaukung	6.00 P.M.	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Wuchow	4.00 P.M.	10.00 A.M.	4.00 P.M.

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Bank Bill, at 4 months sight ...	3/3 1/2
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Documentary Bill, at 4 months sight ...	3/3 1/2
On PARIS. —	—
Bank Bill, on demand ...	870
Credit, at 4 months sight ...	870
On NEW YORK. —	—
Bank Bill, on demand ...	54 1/2
Credit, at 60 days sight ...	54 1/2
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